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1. WE EXPECT THAT SHIRLEY AMERIASINGHE, SRI LANKA'S UN
PERM REP AND PRESIDENT OF THE LOS CONFERENCE WILL CONTINUE
TO BE MOST INFLUENTIAL SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT (GSL) OFFICIAL
REGARDING LOS MATTERS. HE IS WELL-KNOWN TO THOSE IN USG
HANDLING LOS AFFAIRS AND WE ASSUME CLOSE CONTACT WILL BE
MAINTAINED WITH HIM IN NEW YORK.

2. SR LANKA'S AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY, CHRISTOPHER
PINTO, WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN LOS
MATTERS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THE GSL'S OWN POSITION IS
CONCERNED. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT US OFFICIALS
TRAVELING TO EUROPE TOUCH BASE WITH HIM WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

3. RELATIVE NEWCOMER TO GSL'S LOS TEAM IS P.H. (LAL)
KURUKULASURIYA. HE HAS TAKEN PINTO'S FORMER POSITION AS
LEGAL ADVISER IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IS THE PERSON
RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING APPROVED POSITIONS IN COLOMBO.
HE WAS ON THE GSL'S DELEGATION TO THE LAST LOS
CONFERENCE AND HAS STAYED ON FOR THE UNGA. SHOULD USG
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OFFICIALS BE TRAVELING THROUGH THIS AREA ON LOS

CONSULTATIONS, WE BELIEVE A STOP IN COLOMBO WOULD BE
VERY USEFUL TO DISCUSS US POSITIONS WITH KURUKULASURIYA.
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